

REMARKS

Applicant will address each of the Examiner's rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 33-36 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Surati et al (US 6,456,339). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant traverses this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended independent Claim 33 to include the feature of "means for changing the defective pixel to a dark dot". This feature is supported in the present application in, for example, Fig. 5 and at page 11, lns. 4-5.

Surati does not disclose or suggest this feature. Therefore, Surati fails to disclose or suggest the system of Claims 33-36 of the present application. Accordingly, these claims are patentable over Surati, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

The Examiner also rejects Claims 15-32 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of US 6,618,115. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

While this rejection is traversed, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended Claims 15-32 to include the feature of "means for changing the defective pixel to a dark dot". This feature is not recited in Claims 1-14 of the '115 patent. Accordingly, there is no double patenting, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicant is also adding new dependent Claims 37-46. These claims are supported at, for example, page 11, lns. 4-5 of the present application. These new dependent claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that these claims be entered and allowed.

The fee for new claims has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total	32	-	22	10	(small entity) x 25 (others) x 50	\$500.00
Independent	5	-	5	0	(small entity) x 100 (others) x 200	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent					(small entity) + 180 (others) + 360	\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES						\$500.00

Applicant is enclosing the \$500.00 fee for the new claims.

Conclusion


Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in an allowable condition and should be allowed.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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